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SUBJECT: PRESS SEES US PRESSURE IN DELAY ON ANGRA I FUEL

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1. JORNAL DE BRASILIA, SEPTEMBER 4, HAD FRONT PAGE STORY HEADLINED "USA HOLDS BACK BRAZIL'S URANIUM"; RELATED INSIDE ARTICLE ENTITLED "USA BOYCOTTS OUR NUCLEAR PROGRAM". ARTICLES REFER TO URANIUM ACQUIRED BY BRAZIL IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SENT TO THE US BY WESTINGHOUSE FOR PROCESSING FOR ANGRA I. IT IS CLAIMED THAT UNLESS THE AUTHORIZATION FOR PROCESSING IS GIVEN BY THE "END OF THE MONTH" (SEPTEMBER) THE ANGRA I PLANNED SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM WILL BE AFFECTED. THE ARTICLES BLAME THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHICH "HAS NOT MOVED EVEN A TOOTHPICK IN THIS DIRECTION, ACCORDING TO INFORMED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES". APPARENTLY THE SAME FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES ARE QUOTED THAT "IT IS NECESSARY TO TRUST THAT WASHINGTON WILL HONOR ITS PROMISES AT A FIXED TIME".

2. SEPTEMBER 6 JORNAL DE BRASILIA CONTINUES TO CARRY STORY AND CLAIMS THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WILL REQUIRE THAT THE US HONOR

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THE AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION SIGNED IN 1972. ARTICLE SAYS THAT IF THE USG RENOUNCES THE AGREEMENT IT WOULD BE BREAKING THE OBLIGATIONS FORMERLY ASSUMED. ANY MODIFICATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE ARTICLE SAYS THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILL NOT ASSUME ANY POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT BASED ONLY ON NEWSPAPER INFORMATION NO MATTER HOW WELL FOUNDED, ACCORDING TO THE ITAMARATY SPOKESMAN.

3. TO DATE FEW NEWSPAPERS HAVE CARRIED STORIES ABOUT THE GOB'S APPREHENSIONS OVER FUEL FOR ANGRA I. FOLHA DE SAO PAULO ON SEPTEMBER 3, HOWEVER, CARRIED FRONT-PAGE STORY BY NEW YORK COREESPONDENT PAULO FRANCIS THAT DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY JOSEPH NYE TOLD HIM THE FUEL DELIVERY IS "UNDER CONSIDERATION." NYE IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD FRANCIS THAT UNDER THE JAPANESE-US AGREEMENT THE JAPANESE WILL REPROCESS PLUTONIUM FOR ONLY TWO YEARS. FRANCIS REPORTS THAT HE CHECKED THIS WITH JAPANESE SOURCES AT THE UN WHO CONFIRM NYE'S STATEMENT BUT ADDED THAT NOTHING HAD BEEN DECIDED ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AFTER TWO YEARS. FRANCIS CONCLUDES THAT THE US IS ACTING IN BAD FAITH AND IS STILL TRYING TO TORPEDO THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN NUCLEAR ACCORD. HE CHARACTERIZES AS "MULE HEADED" THE SUGGESTION THAT BRAZIL OUGHT TO PERMIT ON-SIGHT INSPECTION. BOTH ESTADO DE SAO PAULO AND JORNAL DO BRAZIL ON SEPT 3 REPORTED ON "THE THIRD PHASE" OF JAPANESE-US NEGOTIATIONS ON THEIR NUCLEAR AGREEMENT. ESTADO REFERS TO PRESS INTERVIEW WITH NYE AND ALSO TO HODDING CARTER'S CONFIRMATION THAT CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY'S PROPOSAL FOR A BRAZIL-ARGENTINE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WAS NOT INSPIRED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. RUSER

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